

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

July 6, 2022

Broadband Working Group

Curtis Backlund, Joan Fitzgerald, Matthew Foelker, Jeff Johns, Richard Jones, Robert Preuss, Amy Rinard

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Wehmeier at 10:20 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Broadband Working Group Members present: Curtis Backlund, Joan Fitzgerald, Matthew Foelker, Jeff Johns, Richard Jones, Robert Preuss, Amy Rinard

Broadband Working Group Members present via ZOOM:

Others Present: Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator, Marc DeVries, Finance Director; Mitchell Olson, Bug Tussel Wireless LLC/Hilbert Communications; Supervisor Anita Martin

Others Present via ZOOM: Jason Hafenstein, Meg Turville-Heitz

3. Certification of compliance with Open Meeting Law Requirements

Wehmeier certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law

4. Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Motion by Jones to nominate Backlund as Chair. Backlund respectfully declined.

Motion by Rinard/Backlund to nominate Fitzgerald as Chair. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Backlund/Jones to nominate Johns as Vice Chair. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Communications

None

6. Public Comment

Backlund - Town of Jefferson received a Letter from TDS to bring in Broadband and Cable services.

7. Approval of the February 5, 2022 Broadband Working Group minutes

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Rinard/Jones to approve the February 5, 2022 Broadband Working Group minutes as printed. Motion passed 7-0.

8. Approval of the March 3, 2022 Joint Meeting of Broadband Working Group and Finance Committee

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Johns/Rinard to approve the March 3, 2022 joint Broadband Working Group and Finance Committee minutes as printed. Motion passed 7-0.

9. Approval of the agenda

No changes were made.

10. Discussion and update on Public Service Commission Grants

Wehmeier shared a list of applications. Both of our projects were ranked in the top 10. He reviewed the grant applications for Edge and Bug Tussell, LLC and maps of the proposed coverage area. Updated budget numbers was also discussed. No action taken.

11. **Discussion and possible action on final Resolution – Approving Final Resolution Regarding Unconditional County Guaranty of its Pro Rata Share, Intergovernmental Agreement and Taxable Revenue Bond Financing for Bug Tussel 1, LLC**

Wehmeier shared a draft resolution for the Bug Tussell project and related bond documents. The initial resolution was approved in May. The final resolution will go to the County Board in July.

Motion by Backlund/Foelker to approve the Resolution - Approving Final Resolution Regarding Unconditional County Guaranty of its Pro Rata Share, Intergovernmental Agreement and Taxable Revenue Bond Financing for Bug Tussel 1, LLC and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion passed 7-0.

12. **Discussion of next steps**

Wehmeier will work with Olson to work on final engineering and maximizing investments. The next meeting will likely be the end of August or September. An update on broadband will be given at the next Town meeting. No action taken.

13. **Adjourn**

Motion by Rinard/Jones to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. Motion passed 7-0.